

FEBRUARY 24, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill,

To permit John and Samuel Gardener Derby and John Prince, to dispatch a vessel to Sierra Leone, on the coast of Africa.

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1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled, That John*
3 *Derby and Samuel Gardener Derby of Salem, and John Prince,*
4 *jun. of Boston, be, and they are hereby authorized to dispatch a*
5 *vessel not exceeding one hundred and eighty tons, to Sierra Leone*
6 *on the coast of Africa, for the purpose of importing into the United*
7 *States the cargo of the schooner Hope, of Salem, Massachusetts,*
8 *consisting of gold dust, ivory, gums and bills of exchange: Pro-*
9 *vided, That bond with sufficient sureties be given to the United*
10 *States, under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, that*
11 *such vessel shall not export from the United States, any goods,*
12 *wares, or merchandise, provisions and necessary sea stores except-*
13 *ed, and that such vessel shall return to the United States with the*
14 *cargo before mentioned, and that she shall not be engaged either*
15 *directly or indirectly in any traffic during the voyage.*